

Urban Funding Issues Working Group
Minutes for April 3, 2002 Meeting

Attendees: Mark Maurer, John Milton, Al King, Sally Anderson, and Dennis Ritter

Dennis Ritter, Director of Public Works for the city of Lacey joined the group to represent local agencies.

A little time was spent giving Dennis an update and filling him in on the background of the group. The question came up about the areas that are currently in the counties, but are in the urban growth boundaries (UGMA). These areas will probably be annexed into the adjacent cities and become urban over time. How do we define urban? Dennis thought that the city limits or the UGMA would probably cover it. It was mentioned that WSDOT is trying to be flexible to the defined comprehensive plan.

Develop a Mission Statement: Sally went over the goal/mission statement and changes were suggested. It was changed to read:

Develop a recommendation for Executive Management to define standard levels of participation (funding) by WSDOT with local agencies for construction of roadside elements.

Report from John Milton: John Milton updated the group about the group he was working with on similar issues. He indicated that there were actually 3 committees working on these issues. The first is working on pedestrian safety issues. This was mostly in cities with populations greater than 22,500. One of the things we track is pedestrian accident locations (PALs). In this program we provide the information about PALs but we don't participate in funding.

The second group is dealing with cities/urban environments. This is becoming a huge design issue for us. It is also a policy issue determining whose responsibility it to pay for items inside and outside the curb. (This was clarified in an instructional letter signed by Don Nelson.)

Then there is this group that is looking at design elements and how we participate. We will make recommendations to the executives.

Review Matrix: There were not enough members present to review the matrix. That was tabled until the next meeting.

Identify effected owners: We identified the effected owners as the Local Programs Director, State Design Engineer, and the Program Management Director.

Process owner forms: Mark checked with Don and there are no forms or charter that needs to be filled out. He would like updates via e-mail as necessary (include Paula Hammond). Schedule meetings at significant milestones with him and Paula.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Maurer.